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10	BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	STATE OF CA	ALIFORNIA
13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 950-2021-003443
14	ERIN E. THURMAN, P.A. 910 SYCAMORE CANYON ROAD	ACCUSATION
15	PASO ROBLES, CA 93446-4776	
16	Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341,	
17	Respondent.	
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20	<u>PARTIES</u>	
21	1. Rozana Khan (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as	
22	the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Board, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).	
23	2. On or about September 6, 2007, the Physician Assistant Board issued Physician	
24	Assistant License No. PA 19341 to Erin E. Thurman, P.A. (Respondent). The Physician	
25	Assistant License was expired between June 30, 2021, and February 23, 2022, but was otherwise	
26	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June	
27	30, 2023, unless renewed.	
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operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement

1	of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.	
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4	7. Section 3528 of the Code states:	
5	Any proceedings involving the denial, suspension, or revocation of the application f licensure or the license of a PA or the application for approval or the approval of an	
6 7	approved program under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.	
8	8. Section 2227 of the Code states, in pertinent part:	
9 10	(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered	
11	into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:	
12	(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.	
13	(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.	
14 15	(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.	
16 17	 (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board. (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper. 	
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21	9. Section 2234 of the Code, states, in pertinent part:	
22	The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional	
23	conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:	
24 25	 (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter. (b) Gross negligence. (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts. 	
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- 28. Between approximately 2018 and 2020, Respondent self-prescribed controlled substances, including approximately five (5) prescriptions of phentermine,² four (4) prescriptions of phendimetrazine, ³ and six (6) prescriptions of modafinil.⁴ All of these prescriptions were prescribed to Erin Fabbricatore (Respondent's married name) and signed by Erin Thurman (Respondent's maiden name).⁵ Respondent created many of these prescriptions using prescription pads from PUC, after she was no longer employed by that clinic.
- 29. Between approximately 2018 and 2021, Respondent prescribed monthly prescriptions of Adderall⁶ to Patient A, including during the time-frame Respondent's physician assistant license was expired. Respondent created many of those prescriptions using prescription pads from PUC and MFP, after she was no longer employed by those clinics. Patient A is Respondent's relative, and Respondent did not prepare any treatment records for Patient A at any time.
- 30. On or about January 1, 2021, Respondent prescribed Patient A Adderall using a prescription from MFP. Respondent was no longer working at MFP at that time, and prepared the prescription using C.E., M.D.'s signature.⁷

² Phentermine is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (f), and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code. It is a stimulant and an appetite suppressant.

³ Phendimetrazine is a Schedule III controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11056, subdivision (b), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a sympathomimetic amine, which is similar to an amphetamine, and is used to treat obesity.

⁴ Modafinil (brand name Provigil) is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code. It is used to treat narcolepsy and sleep apnea.

⁵ During her subject interview, Respondent claimed she has always been known professionally by her maiden name, Erin Thurman, and outside her medical practice, she is known by her married name, Erin Fabbricatore.

⁶ Adderall (brand name for dextroamphetamine and amphetamine) is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code. It is an amphetamine salts combination medication used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy.

⁷ At her subject interview, Respondent admitted that C.E., M.D., did not provide any treatment to Patient A.

- 31. Between approximately 2019 and 2020, Respondent prescribed approximately seven (7) prescriptions of methylphenidate⁸ to Patient B. Respondent created many of those prescriptions using a prescription pad from PUC, after she was no longer employed by that clinic. Patient B is Respondent's pediatric relative, and Respondent did not prepare any treatment records for Patient B at any time.
- 32. On or about November 25, 2021, at approximately 11:11 a.m., Respondent crashed her vehicle into another vehicle while driving to the airport. Respondent did not stop to exchange information with the other driver, but continued driving to the airport. The other driver called the police to report the incident.
- 33. Shortly after Respondent arrived at the airport terminal, a police officer approached Respondent, as she remained seated in her vehicle. The officer noted Respondent's vehicle had significant damage to the passenger's side. Respondent provided her driver's license to the officer, which identified herself as Erin Fabbricatore. As he spoke with Respondent, the officer noted Respondent was unable to sit still, had difficulty focusing, exhibited slurred speech, and smelled of alcohol. Respondent denied drinking any alcohol but admitted taking medication daily for anxiety and depression. After preforming poorly on field sobriety tests, Respondent was placed under arrest for driving under the influence.
- 34. A search of Respondent's vehicle subsequent to her arrest revealed a bottle containing multiple pills, including Adderall, multiple prescription pads from BMG, PUC, and MFP, one prescription for Erin Fabbricatore for modafinil, and two prescriptions for Patient A for Adderall. When asked about the prescriptions, Respondent admitted prescribing for herself and Patient A, who she admitted was her relative.
- 35. At approximately 2:44 p.m., a blood sample was obtained from Respondent that was subsequently tested for alcohol. The blood test result indicated Respondent had a blood alcohol content of .19 percent.

⁸ Methylphenidate (brand name Ritalin) is a Schedule II controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code. It is a stimulant medication used to treat ADHD.

On or about May 31, 2022, the San Diego County District Attorney filed a criminal 36. complaint against Respondent in the matter of *The People of the State of California v. Erin E.* Fabbricatore, San Diego County Superior Court Case No. CD294817. The complaint charged Respondent with thirteen counts as follows: (1) Obtaining prescription by fraud/deceit in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173(a); (2) Unlawful controlled substance prescription, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11153(a); Use of personal identifying information of another, in violation of Penal Code section 530.5(a); (4) Obtaining prescription by fraud/deceit, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11153(a); (5) Unlawful controlled substance prescription, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11153(a); (6) Obtaining prescription by fraud/deceit in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11173(a); (7) Unlawful controlled substance prescription, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11153(a); (8) Forgery of prescription, in violation of Business and Professions Code section 4324(a); (9) Unlawful controlled substance prescription, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11153(a); (10) Transport of controlled substances, in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11379(a); (11) Driving under the influence of alcohol, in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a); (12) Driving with a blood alcohol content level of 0.08 percent or more, in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b); and (13) Hit and run driving, in violation of Vehicle Code section 20002(a).

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prescribing or Administering Controlled Substances to Herself)

37. Respondent has subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to disciplinary action under sections 3527, 2227, and 2234, as defined by section 2239, subdivision (a), of the Code, in that she has prescribed and administered controlled substances to herself, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

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Patients A and B, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, and 39 above, which

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Creation of False Medical Records, with Fraudulent Intent)

44. Respondent has further subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to disciplinary action under sections 3527, 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2262, of the Code, in that she created false medical records with fraudulent intent, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Furnishing Drugs without Examination)

45. Respondent has further subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to disciplinary action under sections 3527, 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2242, of the Code, in that she prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36 above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and re-alleged as if fully set forth herein.

TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)

46. Respondent has further subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to disciplinary action under sections 3527, 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2266, of the Code, in that she failed to maintain adequate and accurate records, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unlicensed Practice of Medicine)

47. Respondent has further subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to disciplinary action under sections 3527, 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2052 and 3503, in that she engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, above, which are hereby realleged and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 1 (General Unprofessional Conduct) 2 48. Respondent has further subjected her Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341 to 3 disciplinary action under sections 3527, and 2234, of the Code, in that she has engaged in conduct 4 which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct that is unbecoming 5 to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to 6 practice medicine, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 25 through 36, above, which are 7 hereby realleged and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein. 8 **PRAYER** 9 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, 10 and that following the hearing, the Physician Assistant Board issue a decision: 11 1. Revoking or suspending Physician Assistant License No. PA 19341, issued to 12 Respondent Erin E. Thurman, P.A.; 13 2. 14 Ordering Respondent Erin E. Thurman, P.A., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 15 125.3; 16 3. Ordering Respondent, Erin E. Thurman, P.A., if placed on probation, to pay the 17 Board probation monitoring fees; and 18 4. 19 Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 20 21 DATED: April 27, 2023 22 **Executive Officer** Physician Assistant Board 23 Department of Consumer Affairs State of California 24 Complainant 25 26 SD2022802411 83889040.docx 27